Application No. 10/572,616 Amdt. Dated: August 17, 2010

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is thanked for the final Office Action mailed June 24, 2010. The status of the application is as follows:

- Claims 1-12, 14-18 and 20 are pending, claims 1, 7 and 8 have been amended, and claims 13, 19 and 21 have been canceled:
- Claims 1-12, 15-19, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zlokolica et al. (Video denoising using multiple class averaging with multiresolution, University of Ghent, Belguim) in view of Eck et al. (US 2006/0072845; and
- Claims 4, 9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zlokolica
 et al. in view of Eck et al. and in further view of Brailean et al. (Noise Reduction: Filters for
 Dynamic Image Sequence: A Review).

The rejections are discussed below.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 13, 14, 19, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Aspects of claims 21, which depends from independent claim 1, has been incorporated into claim 1, rendering claim 1 (and claims 2-6, which depend therefrom) allowable.

Aspects of claims 19, which depends from independent claim 7, has been incorporated into claim 7, rendering claim 7 (and claims 15-18 and 20, which depend therefrom) allowable.

Aspects of claims 13, which depends from independent claim 8, has been incorporated into claim 8, rendering claim 8 (and claims 9-12 and 14, which depend therefrom) allowable.

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and allowance of the application. Claims 13, 19, and 21 have been canceled herein.

The Rejection of the Claims

The rejections of the claim are moot in view of the amendments herein in which subject matter deemed allowable by the Office has been incorporated into the independent claims.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the application.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims distinguish patentably and nonobviously over the prior art of record. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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